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Human and Community Development Committee Minutes

4/11/2011

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) DuPage County Conference Room Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Committee Members Sheri Cohen, Co-Chair

Present: Ngoan Le, Co-Chair

Thomas Galassini Caroline Goldstein

Amy Rynell Jennifer Hirsch Laura Schneider David Pankratz Janna Stansel

Karin Noringon-Reaves

StaffPresent:

Drew Williams-Clark, Liaison

Iason Navota Kendra Smith John Allen

Randy Blankenhorn, ED

Call to Order and Introductions

Committee Co-Chair, Sheri Cohen, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05a.m.

2.0 **Agenda Changes and Announcements**

The agenda was revised to move item 8.0 (Making Kane County Fit for Kids) to the top in order to accommodate the speaker's schedule.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – 03/14/2011

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 14th meeting, was presented by Laura Schneider and seconded by Ngoan Le. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Making Kane County Fit for Kids – Jane Maxwell, Kane County Fit for Kids coordinator Jane provided the committee with an in-depth briefing on the childhood obesity epidemic. She also gave an overview of the Fit Kids 2020 Plan for sustained, county-wide mobilization through implementation of 4 strategic action principles that go to the heart of the systems, policy and environmental changes needed to reverse the epidemic. Jane noted that the county hopes to track outcomes using a longitudinal study, but that existing obesity metrics are limited. She also said that the county's Department of Transportation (DOT) anticipates integrating some of the plan's principals into its own long-range plan.

5.0 Committee Roles and Revised Framing Language

In response to member requests for clarity on the role of the committee, staff drafted a memo with a specific description of the member role as well as language framing the committee's vision and charge. That memo was revised with assistance from the cochairs. After discussion, the committee unanimously approved the Vision, Committee Charge and Near-Term Initiatives of the Committee pending minor revisions. The revised, approved memorandum is now posted on the committee website.

6.0 Committee Participation in and Assistance with the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program

In response to committee requests for a sorted list of LTA projects based on relevance to members' expertise, CMAP staff developed one and posted it online. The spreadsheet includes basic demographic information by LTA community, HCD subjects addressed by the project, and a rating (high, medium or low). The rating will be used to prioritize the order in which projects are presented to the committee for feedback. Committee members asked that poverty information also be included in the sheet and made suggestions to increase the priority of some projects. A revised spreadsheet has been posted on the committee website. Staff also developed a memo that outlines the role of the committee in providing input on LTA projects. Members suggested revisions to that memo. A revised, approved memo has been posted online.

7.0 GO TO 2040 Implementation Update – Jason Navota, CMAP Staff

CMAP staff will provide an overview of LTA projects in the city of Chicago. These projects are still in the scoping phase. The City of Chicago sought technical assistance with implementation of its "Green and Healthy Chicago" plan intended to initiate sustainable reinvestment and redevelopment in the low- and moderate-income neighborhoods of Greater Englewood and Woodlawn/Washington Park. The project includes a range of tasks including land use and transportation analysis, community outreach and involvement (provided largely by the Chicago chapter of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)), and the development of plans and policy recommendations. This priority project may also incorporate or be coordinated with other proposed assistance projects in the same geographic area, including the Bronzeville Alliance, Bronzeville Community Development Partnership, and Centers for New Horizons projects; other proposed citywide projects will also be focused in this geographic area during the first year of CMAP's technical assistance program. Committee members suggested DFF and CPS as sources of homelessness data. Other committee members pointed out that CMAP should look into the status of several TIFs in the focus area. Members also noted that public safety issues and residential proximity to health and human services should be taken into account and suggested data sources to help in that analysis. Finally, there was discussion about how best to incorporate community organizations with whom LISC may not have long-standing relationships.

8.0 Community Planning Program - Hala Ahmed, CMAP Staff

On April 6, 2011; the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, in collaboration with the Regional Transportation Authority, will launch the 2012 Community Planning Program. This is a competitive grant program that provides funds for municipalities in the northeastern Illinois region to participate in the planning of local transportation, transit and transit-related development. The partnership between the two agencies will provide additional funding to an expanded base of eligible applicants and projects as well as facilitate inter-agency coordination. The deadline for receipt of applications is June 9, 2011 before 3:00 pm CST. Application material and further information will be available at http://rtachicago.com/community-planning/community-planning.html.

9.0 Committee/Regional Updates

Janna encouraged committee members to view materials from Health & Medicine's March 29th forum, entitled "Exploring Policies that Support Community Health Workers in Illinois" at http://hmprg.org/2011/04/11/materials-from-march-29th-chw-policy-forum-now-available/.

10.0 Public Comment

No public comment was made at the meeting.

11.0 Next Meeting: 5/9/2011

12.0 Adjournment

Next Meeting

The Human and Community Development Committee will meet next on Monday, April 11th, 2011 at 10:00am in the DuPage County Conference Room at CMAP.

13.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Williams-Clark Committee Liaison

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